

## MINUTES

### UTAH RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

November 5, 2003

Room 428 – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 9:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building

**CONVENED:** 9:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 10:55 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Board Secretary:**

Douglas Vilnius  
Karen McCall

**Board Members Present:**

Gayle Morawetz  
Georgine Bills  
J. S. Roger Jones, MD

**Board Members Absent:**

Don W. Huffman  
Willard Zimmer

#### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Swear in Georgine Bills and J. S. Roger Jones, MD, as board members.

Mr. Vilnius conducted the swearing in of Ms. Bills and Dr. Jones. **Board member welcomed Ms. Bills and Dr. Jones to the board.**

Read and approve the March 21, 2000 minutes.

Ms. Morawetz made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dr. Jones seconded the motion. **The board vote was unanimous.**

##### **PENDING BUSINESS:**

FYI – Stacey Van Pelt Taken Off Probation

**The board noted that based on letters received from Stacey Van Pelt, the supervisor, therapist and physician, Ms. Van Pelt's probationary restrictions were terminated and the license reinstated with full privileges on February 11, 2002. The license was renewed September 5, 2002. Ms. Van Pelt has move out of Utah.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### NBRC Correspondence

The board reviewed the following NBRC correspondence:

1. Horizons – January/February 2003, March/April 2003, May/June 2003 and July/August 2003. **No action taken.**
2. December 2002 State Licensure Liaison Group Meeting Information. **No action taken.**
3. Invitation to attend the 2003 State Licensure Liaison Group Meeting, September 19-20. **No action taken.**
4. Invitation to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Entry-Level Examination (open house). **No action taken.**

### American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) Correspondence

The board reviewed the following AARC correspondence:

1. Updated Respiratory Therapy Licensure Charts. **No action taken.**
2. Guidance Document on Scope of Practice. The Board discussed the practice of a Polysomnographic Technologist (sleep disorder technologist). The board stated that the hospital lab setting would have a physician on hand and have licensed respiratory care practitioners or credentialed polysomnographers. The board concerns were in the areas of private sleep clinics where no physician is present, no respiratory care practitioner is present and the polysomnographer may not be credentialed where the public is being treated with a device over the nose and mouth that may obstruct breathing. **The board requested Mr. Vilnius check into the number of sleep labs and the public clinics and possibly have a meeting with the entities to discuss the safety issues. Also, possibly make some changes in the law to require a physician on site with a respiratory care practitioner or a credentialed polysomnographer to monitor the sleep examinations. The board requested a follow-up and further discussion at the next scheduled board meeting.**

3. Lung Health Day Information. **No action taken.**

The Red Leaf Institute Training Program

**The board reviewed the seminar topic of a 12 hour program for offenders of gender, sensitivity and boundary issues. Mr. Vilnius indicated the division is checking into the program as it might apply to various professions.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Board Chairperson

Ms. Morawetz nominated Ms. Bills for board chairperson. Dr. Jones seconded the nomination. **The board vote was unanimous.**

Change in Position for Ted Boy and  
Appointment of Klare Bachman as Department  
Director

**Board members noted the changes in the Department Director.**

Resignation of Lynn Bernhard and  
Introduction of Douglas Vilnius

**Board member noted the change and welcomed Mr. Vilnius as the board administrator.**

Senate Bill 67

Mr. Vilnius discussed the legislative committee that was appointed to review and make recommendations regarding deregulating some occupations and professions, continuing to regulate some occupations and professions but eliminating the boards and combining some occupations and professions. The respiratory care practitioners were on the list for eliminating the board. Mr. Vilnius reported that the committee has decided not to deregulate, not to eliminate any boards and not to combine any occupations or professions. **Board members noted the information.**

Increase in Fees

Mr. Vilnius notified the board that July 1, 2003 the new application fee went from \$50.00 to \$60.00 and the renewal fee went from \$40.00 to \$52.00. **Board members noted the information.**

New Application and Current Laws and Rules

The updated application and current laws and rules were distributed to board members. **No action taken.**

FYI – Surrender of Licenses by Martin J.  
Martinez and Michael Eric Marks

**The board noted the information.**

2004 Board Meeting Schedule

**The board noted the following date for the 2004**

**board meeting: November 3, 2004**

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:** November 3, 2004

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 10:55 A.M.

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Date Approved

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Chairperson, Utah Respiratory Care Practitioners  
Licensing Board

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Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &  
Professional Licensing